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**"AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS OTHER THAN THE GENERAL FUND."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 2-36b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) No later than November thirtieth each year, the joint standing  
6 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

7 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and  
8 finance, revenue and bonding shall meet with the Secretary of the  
9 Office of Policy and Management, the director of the legislative Office  
10 of Fiscal Analysis, and such other persons as they deem appropriate, to  
11 consider the items submitted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

12 (b) On or before November fifteenth, annually, the Secretary of the  
13 Office of Policy and Management and the director of the legislative  
14 Office of Fiscal Analysis shall each submit the following to the joint  
15 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
16 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
17 and finance, revenue and bonding: (1) [An] A consensus estimate of  
18 state revenues [,] developed in accordance with subsection (a) of  
19 section 502 of this act, an estimate of expenditures and ending balance  
20 for each fund, for the current biennium and the next ensuing three  
21 fiscal years, and the assumptions on which such estimates are based;  
22 (2) the projected tax credits to be used in the current biennium and the  
23 next ensuing three fiscal years, and the assumptions on which such  
24 projections are based; (3) a summary of any estimated deficiencies in  
25 the current fiscal year, the reasons for such deficiencies, and the  
26 assumptions upon which such estimates are based; (4) the projected  
27 balance in the Budget Reserve Fund at the end of each uncompleted  
28 fiscal year of the current biennium and the next ensuing three fiscal  
29 years; (5) the projected bond authorizations, allocations and issuances  
30 in each of the next ensuing five fiscal years and their impact on the  
31 debt service of the major funds of the state; (6) an analysis of revenue  
32 and expenditure trends and of the major cost drivers affecting state  
33 spending, including identification of any areas of concern and efforts  
34 undertaken to address such areas, including, but not limited to, efforts  
35 to obtain federal funds; and (7) an analysis of possible uses of surplus  
36 funds, including, but not limited to, the Budget Reserve Fund, debt  
37 retirement and funding of pension liabilities.

38 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than October  
39 fifteenth annually, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
40 Management and the director of the legislative Office of Fiscal

41 Analysis shall issue a consensus revenue estimate for the current  
42 biennium and the next ensuing three fiscal years. If no agreement on a  
43 revenue estimate is reached by October fifteenth, the Comptroller  
44 shall, not later than October twenty-fifth, issue an estimate of state  
45 revenues for the current biennium and the next ensuing three fiscal  
46 years. In issuing the estimate required by this subsection, the  
47 Comptroller shall consider the revenue estimates provided by the  
48 Office of Policy and Management and the legislative Office of Fiscal  
49 Analysis, and shall issue an estimate based on such revenue estimates,  
50 in an amount that is equal to or between such revenue estimates.

51 (b) Not later than January fifteenth annually, April thirtieth  
52 annually and July fifteenth annually, the Secretary of the Office of  
53 Policy and Management and the director of the legislative Office of  
54 Fiscal Analysis shall issue revisions to the consensus revenue estimate  
55 developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, or a statement that  
56 no revisions are necessary. If no agreement on revisions to such  
57 revenue estimate is reached by the required date, the Comptroller  
58 shall, not later than five days after the failure to issue such revisions,  
59 issue a revised estimate of state revenues. In issuing the estimate  
60 required by this subsection, the Comptroller shall consider the revised  
61 revenue estimates provided by the Office of Policy and Management  
62 and the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis, and shall issue an estimate  
63 based on such revised revenue estimates, in an amount that is between  
64 such revised revenue estimates.

65 (c) If (1) a revised consensus revenue estimate pursuant to  
66 subsection (b) of this section is issued in January, April or July of any  
67 fiscal year, (2) such revised consensus revenue estimate has changed  
68 from the previous consensus revenue estimate to forecast a deficit or  
69 an increase in a deficit greater than one per cent of the total of General  
70 Fund appropriations for the current year, (3) a budget for the  
71 prospective fiscal year has not been approved by the General  
72 Assembly and signed by the Governor, and (4) the General Assembly  
73 is in session, then the General Assembly and the Governor shall take  
74 such action as provided in subsection (d) of this section.

75 (d) (1) The joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
76 having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and finance,  
77 revenue and bonding shall, if the deadlines for favorable reports for  
78 said committees are on or before the tenth business day after a revised  
79 consensus revenue estimate is issued pursuant to subsection (c) of this  
80 section, prepare and vote on appropriation and revenue bills, if  
81 necessary to conform to such revised estimate.

82 (2) The Governor shall provide the General Assembly with a budget  
83 document, prepared in accordance with the requirements of chapter 50  
84 of the general statutes, if necessary to conform to a revised consensus  
85 revenue estimate issued pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. The  
86 budget document required by this subdivision shall be issued not later  
87 than twenty-five calendar days after a revised consensus revenue  
88 estimate is issued in January, and not later than ten calendar days after  
89 a revised consensus revenue estimate is issued in April or July.

90 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than five days after the  
91 effective date of this section, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
92 Management and the director of the legislative Office of Fiscal  
93 Analysis shall issue a consensus revenue estimate for the biennium  
94 beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. If no agreement on a  
95 revenue estimate can be reached by such fifth day, the Comptroller  
96 shall, immediately thereafter, issue an estimate of state revenues for  
97 the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2011. In  
98 rendering the estimate required by this subsection, the Comptroller  
99 shall consider the revenue estimates issued by the Office of Policy and  
100 Management and the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis, and shall  
101 provide an estimate based on such revenue estimates in an amount  
102 equal to or between such revenue estimates.

103 (b) Not later than ten days after the effective date of this section, the  
104 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
105 of matters relating to appropriations and finance, revenue and  
106 bonding, shall prepare and vote on appropriation and revenue bills, if  
107 necessary to conform to the consensus revenue estimate prepared

108 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and the Governor shall  
109 provide a budget document, prepared in accordance with the  
110 requirements of chapter 50 of the general statutes, if necessary to  
111 conform to such consensus revenue estimate.

112 Sec. 4. Section 2-35 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
113 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

114 (a) All bills carrying or requiring appropriations and favorably  
115 reported by any other committee, except for payment of claims against  
116 the state, shall, before passage, be referred to the joint standing  
117 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
118 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, unless  
119 such reference is dispensed with by a vote of at least two-thirds of each  
120 house of the General Assembly. Resolutions paying the contingent  
121 expenses of the Senate and House of Representatives shall be referred  
122 to said committee. Said committee may originate and report any bill  
123 which it deems necessary and shall, in each odd-numbered year,  
124 report such appropriation bills as it deems necessary for carrying on  
125 the departments of the state government and for providing for such  
126 institutions or persons as are proper subjects for state aid under the  
127 provisions of the statutes, for the ensuing biennium. In each even-  
128 numbered year, the committee shall originate and report at least one  
129 bill which adjusts expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year in such  
130 manner as it deems appropriate. Each appropriation bill shall specify  
131 the particular purpose for which appropriation is made and shall be  
132 itemized as far as practicable. The state budget act may contain any  
133 legislation necessary to implement its appropriations provisions,  
134 provided no other general legislation shall be made a part of such act.

135 (b) The state budget act passed by the legislature for funding the  
136 expenses of operations of the state government in the ensuing  
137 biennium shall contain a statement of estimated revenue, developed in  
138 accordance with the provisions of section 2 of this act, itemized by  
139 major source, for each appropriated fund. The statement of estimated  
140 revenue applicable to each such fund shall include, for any fiscal year,

141 an estimate of total revenue with respect to such fund, which amount  
 142 shall be reduced by (1) an estimate of total refunds of taxes to be paid  
 143 from such revenue in accordance with the authorization in section 12-  
 144 39f, and (2) an estimate of total refunds of payments to be paid from  
 145 such revenue in accordance with the provisions of section 4-37. Such  
 146 statement of estimated revenue, including the estimated refunds of  
 147 taxes to be offset against such revenue, shall be supplied by the joint  
 148 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
 149 matters relating to state finance, revenue and bonding. The total  
 150 estimated revenue for each fund, as adjusted in accordance with this  
 151 section, shall not be less than the total net appropriations made from  
 152 each fund. On or before July first of each fiscal year said committee  
 153 shall, if any revisions in such estimates are required by virtue of  
 154 legislative amendments to the revenue measures proposed by said  
 155 committee, changes in conditions or receipt of new information since  
 156 the original estimate was supplied, meet and revise such estimates  
 157 and, through its cochairpersons, report to the Comptroller any such  
 158 revisions."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	2-36b
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	2-35